

# **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

# Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 18-December-2017

To: 11-December-2019

### **CEO Statement of Continued Support**

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#### 11 December 2019

To our stakeholders, beneficiaries, and the wider community,

I am pleased to confirm that Farm Africa reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

Farm Africa is a cutting-edge rural development non-governmental organisation delivering agricultural, natural resource management, and market system projects across Sub-Saharan Africa. The organisation works with key development actors to design and implement projects which support smallholder farmers. With a comprehensive portfolio of projects and experienced teams of experts on the ground, Farm Africa is well-recognised provider of technical solutions to develop rural communities across Sub-Saharan Africa.

This is Farm Africa's Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours.

Sincerely,

Michael Saxton

Interim Chief Executive Officer







# **Description of Actions and Measurement of Outcomes**

#### Farm Africa's activities and achievements

Farm Africa has had a successful period, working with a wide range of partners to further our aims to improve rural development across Sub-Saharan Africa. Specific activities and achievements related to the UN Global Compact are featured below. Further information about our work is showcased in our annual report.

Since December 2017, Farm Africa continues to engage companies in Global Compact related issues. For example, in early 2018 we developed and proposed a programme to work with a major UK supermarket chain to improve supply chain transparency and explicitly support Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour and Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour through our collaborative intervention.

Throughout the reporting period, we continue to manage a member network of leading food industry businesses called "Food for Good." The network brings together diverse stakeholders from the industry, engages them on relevant topics (including Global Compact related issues) and organises learning events around sustainable development, improved supply chain management, and broader themes.

Further examples include two flagship projects in Kenya that Farm Africa is implementing in collaboration with food sector companies. One is focused on improving the livelihoods of employees and their families in Kenya. It works with farmer committees and worker communities to improve the supply chain and provide targeted investments to support development. The other supports smallholder farmers enhance the quality of their produce for export through technical assistance provision. The results have led to improved development in an under-developed region of Kenya.

Going forward, we are keen to further engage with Global Compact global and local networks, continue developing partnerships with companies on relevant issues, and improve our communication around these activities.

Our latest annual review features specific outcomes for the 2018 calendar year: https://www.farmafrica.org/downloads/2019/farmafricaannualreview2018.pdf

Additionally, our latest financial report details further information about our activities: https://www.farmafrica.org/downloads/2019/farm-africa-limited-annual-consolidatedaccounts---2018.pdf



